

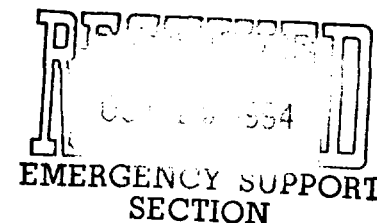
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**Re: Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois, Inc.
Site, Gary, Indiana
General Notice of Potential Liability**

Dear Ms. Beasley:

We represent Hutchinson Technology, Inc., one of the recipients of your September 28 Notice of Potential Liability regarding the above-referenced site. We write to confirm receipt of that notice and to inform you that Hutchinson is willing to cooperate with your agency in resolving its potential liability regarding this site.

This letter should not be taken as an admission of any such liability. On the contrary, Hutchinson is not aware of evidence supporting any claim it is a responsible party. At most, Hutchinson contributed a very small amount of material to the site and is a de minimis party.

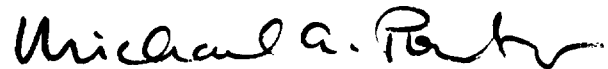
You should also be aware that pursuant to a settlement agreement entered into some years ago with other potentially responsible parties, Hutchinson may be entitled to indemnification for some or all of the liabilities referred to in your September 28 correspondence. Hutchinson will independently pursue all of its rights under that agreement.

Finally, as a member of the Conservation Chemical Site De Minimis PRP Group, Hutchinson expects to cooperate with that group in attempting to reach a speedy and mutually-acceptable resolution of all alleged de minimis liabilities.

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If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me at the above-referenced number.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael A. Ponto".

Michael A. Ponto

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cc: Richard Higgins, Hutchinson Technology

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